

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CUNNINGHAM -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to establishing an independent inspector general in each county to oversee police activity and investigate police misconduct

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new
2 section 209-h to read as follows:

3 § 209-h. Independent inspector general for police misconduct. 1. The
4 county legislative body in each county shall appoint an independent
5 inspector general to oversee police activity and investigate allegations
6 of police misconduct.

7 2. The independent inspector general for each county shall, on an
8 ongoing basis, investigate, review, study, audit, and make recommenda-
9 tions relating to the operations, policies, programs, and practices of
10 each police department in such county with the goal of enhancing the
11 effectiveness of such departments, increasing public safety, protecting
12 civil liberties and civil rights, and increasing the public's confidence
13 in the police force.

14 3. The independent inspector general for each county shall report
15 their findings to the county legislative body and the district attorney
16 in each county on an annual basis.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
18 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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